

REMARKS

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over a two-way combination of Madrak (U.S. Patent No. 5,948,477) and Sollinger (U.S. Patent No. 4,869,933).

Response:

Claim 44

Claim 44 has been canceled.

Conclusion

Based on the above remarks, the applicant respectfully submits that all of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action dated 01/27/2009 have been overcome and the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at +1 970-468-8600.

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 13-22, 26-30, 45 and 46.

Respectfully submitted,

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